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SUBJECT:LOCAL TRAVEL BY ESKIMOS IN BERING STRAITS AREA:

TEXT OF NOTE

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH MFA TO PROPOSE AGREEMENT FOR
RECIPROCAL VISITS OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS OF LITTLE DIOMEDE AND
ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS AND SOVIET ESKIMOS OF BIG DIOMEDE
ISLAND AND THE CHUKOTSK PENINSULA. TEXT OF NOTE ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRE OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS OF LITTLE
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DIOMEDE AND ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS, ALASKA TO REESTABLISH

THEIR TRADITION OF SUMMER VISITS TO THEIR RELATIVES ON BIG DIOMEDE ISLAND AND THE CHUKOTSK PENINSULA IN THE USSR, PROPOSES THAT THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE FOR TEMPORARY VISITS BY ESKIMOS OF THESE AREAS.

A. ENTRY OF SOVIET ESKIMOS INTO LITTLE DIOMEDE AND ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS, ALASKA:

1. THE ENTRY BY SEA OF SOVIET ESKIMOS INTO LITTLE DIOMEDE AND ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS, ALASKA IN THE USA SHALL BE PERMITTED UNDER CONDITION OF POSSESSION OF GROUP LISTS OR

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY LOCAL SOVIET AUTHORITIES SETTING FORTH THE NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, AND PLACES OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF SOVIET ESKIMOS DESIRING ENTRY. THESE CERTIFICATES (OR GROUP LISTS) SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION TO THE LOCAL OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AS THE INSPECTOR OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

2. THE REGISTRATION OF THE CERTIFICATES (OR LISTS) SHALL GIVE THE SOVIET ESKIMOS THE RIGHT OF STAY ON LITTLE DIOMEDE AND ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS, ALASKA WITHIN A DEFINITE PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THREE MONTHS.

3. THE NUMBER OF SOVIET ESKIMOS ARRIVING AT DIFFERENT POINTS ON LITTLE DIOMEDE AND ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS SHALL TENTATIVELY NOT EXCEED 100 PERSONS DURING ONE YEAR.

4. SOVIET ESKIMOS ARRIVING ON AMERICAN TERRITORY TO VISIT THEIR RELATIVES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BRING AS PERSONAL GIFTS AUTHENTIC NATIVE ARTICLES OF HANDICRAFT OR CLOTHING, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY US LAW. THESE GIFTS SHALL ENTER IN NON-COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES, NOT TO EXCEED THE VALUE OF \$100.

5. THE FOLLOWING GOODS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE USA: A) FIREARMS B) NARCOTICS C) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
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A CUSTOMS EXAMINATION MAY BE CARRIED OUT BY A LOCAL OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

B. ENTRY OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS INTO CHUKOTSK NATIONAL REGION OF THE USSR:

1. THE ENTRY BY SEA OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS INTO THE CHUKOTSK

NATIONAL REGION OF THE USSR SHALL BE PERMITTED UNDER CONDITION OF POSSESSION OF GROUP LISTS OR INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY LOCAL UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SETTING FORTH THE NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, AND PLACES OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS DESIRING ENTRY. THESE CERTIFICATES (OR GROUP LISTS) SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION AT THE FRONTIER GUARD STATION NEAREST TO THE POINT OF ENTRANCE. AT PLACES WITHOUT FRONTIER GUARDS THE REGISTRATION OF ESKIMOS ARRIVING FROM THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE LOCAL SOVIETS.

2. THE REGISTRATION OF THE CERTIFICATES (OR LISTS) SHALL GIVE THE AMERICAN ESKIMOS THE RIGHT OF STAY IN THE CHUKOTSK NATIONAL REGION OF THE USSR WITHIN A DEFINITE PERIOD NOT TO

EXCEED THREE MONTHS, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT OF EXIT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERMIT AND OF FREE MOVEMENT ALONG THE COAST OF THE CHUKOTSK PENINSULA AND ON THE ADJACENT SOVIET ISLANDS.

3. THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN ESKIMOS ARRIVING AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE CHUKOTSK NATIONAL REGION OF THE USSR SHALL TENTATIVELY NOT EXCEED 100 PERSONS DURING ONE YEAR.

4. AMERICAN ESKIMOS ARRIVING ON SOVIET TERRITORY TO VISIT THEIR RELATIVES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BRING AS PERSONAL GIFTS AUTHENTIC NATIVE ARTICLES OF HANDICRAFT OR CLOTHING, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY SOVIET LAW. THESE GIFTS SHALL ENTER IN NON-COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES.

IN CASE OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ABOVE, THE PRESENT NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ANSWERING NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR SHALL BE CON-

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SIDERED AS THE ATTAINMENT OF AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION.
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